

# TORONTO BLUE JAYS

## POST GAME NOTES for Monday, September 24, 2018 HOUSTON ASTROS (99-57) at TORONTO BLUE JAYS (71-86)

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HOUSTON	5	10	1	6
TORONTO	3	11	1	8

#### **BLUE JAYS NOTES:**

- Fall to 15-37 in games vs. LH starters (56-49 vs. RHPs)...Are back below .500 at home (39-40)...Drop to 1-3 vs. Houston this season...Lost a game while out-hitting their opponent for the second time in as many nights (10<sup>th</sup> time this year).
- ◆ MARCO ESTRADA allowed 4 runs on 7 hits across 4.2 innings of work...Struck out a batter and issued a walk...Is winless in his last 6 starts...Now has a 7.17 ERA (43 ER/54.0 IP) since his 7/30 return from the DL.
- ▶ **KEVIN PILLAR** got the Jays on the board in the 4<sup>th</sup> inning with a two-run homer...Was his 15<sup>th</sup> HR of the year, 1 shy of his career high from last season...Marked his 11<sup>th</sup> HR at Rogers Centre...Was his 55<sup>th</sup> XBH, setting a career mark (54 in 2017)...Also set a new personal best with 58 RBI this year (56 in 2015).
- YANGERVIS SOLARTE picked up an RBI with a bases-loaded single in the 5<sup>th</sup>...Snapped a 0-for-16 drought with that hit...Was his first RBI since 7/28 at CWS...His 19G drought without an RBI was a career long (15G in 2014)...Added another single in the 7<sup>th</sup> to finish 2-for-4 with his 30<sup>th</sup> multi-hit game of the year.
- **RICHARD URENA** had 3 singles for his 2<sup>nd</sup> career 3-hit game (also 9/12/17 vs. BAL)...Marked his second straight multi-hit game (6<sup>th</sup> career)...Has hits in 17 of his 22 starts...Is now batting .289 (24-for-83) with 4-2B, 1-HR and 6-RBI while up with the Jays this season.
- RANDAL GRICHUK recorded his 31<sup>st</sup> double...Is now 1 XBH shy of tying his career high (56 in 2016)...Came into tonight ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in the AL with 32 XBH since the All-Star break.
- ◆ ALEDMYS DIAZ walked twice and singled...Has gone 11-for-28 (.393) with 3-2B, 1-HR and 6-RBI over his 10 contests
- LOURDES GURRIEL Jr. left the game after the 1st inning with left hamstring tightness.

### **ASTROS NOTES:**

- Narrowed their magic number down to 2...Improved to 17-4 in September...The .810 win% this month leads the Majors...Move to 6-1 on the current road trip and are now an MLB-best 53-22 on the road, tying the best road win total in team history (2017).
- ◆ **DALLAS KEUCHEL** allowed a trio of runs on 7 hits across 5.0 innings...Walked 3 batters and struck out 5...Has now thrown 201.2 innings, reaching the 200-IP plateau for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time (200.0 in 2014 and 232.0 in 2015)...Became the 15<sup>th</sup> pitcher in team history with 3+ seasons of 200+ IP...Leads all LHPs this season in IP.
- **BRIAN McCANN** notched his 6<sup>th</sup> home run of the season... Was his first HR since 6/14 at OAK... The 18G stretch without a HR was his longest since a 21G drought in 2014.
- ◆ **JOSH REDDICK** followed up McCann's blast with one of his own...Formed Houston's 6<sup>th</sup> set of back-to-back homers this year (last: Reddick/Gattis on 7/14 vs. DET)...Was Reddick's 16<sup>th</sup> HR this season and his 10<sup>th</sup> to come on the road.
- ◆ ALEX BREGMAN doubled in a run in the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning...Came into tonight with 81 XBH, 2<sup>nd</sup> most in the AL (Betts-82)...Has now reached base safely in 52 consecutive *road* games, the longest streak in franchise history, breaking Jeff Bagwell's 51-game road streak set from 1998-99...It is also the longest streak by a Major League player since Derek Jeter posted a 59-game road streak from 2006-07.
- YULI GURRIEL opened the scoring with an RBI single in the 1<sup>st</sup> inning...Finished the night 2-for-4...Extended his hitting streak to 10 games, batting .439 (18-for-41) with 3-2B, 3-HR and 15-RBI over that stretch (1.197 OPS).
- **GEORGE SPRINGER** led off the game with his 26<sup>th</sup> double, 3 shy of his career high (29 in 2016 and 2017)...Is now batting .342 (27-for-79) this month...Ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in the AL with his September .351 AVG entering tonight.
- **JOSE ALTUVE** singled twice, picked up an RBI and scored a run...His .317 AVG coming into this evening ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in the AL.

Game at a Glance						
First Pitch       7:08 pm         Last Pitch       3:12pm         Game Time:       10:20						
Weather						
Attendance:       23, 463         Rogers Centre Average:       29,154         Rogers Centre Total:       2,274,013         Home Record       39-40         Homestand       2-3         vs. HOU (Season)       1-3         vs. HOU (Series)       0-1         vs. RHS/LHS       56-49/15-37         1-run       22-16         Extra Innings       10-6         Come From Behind Wins       41						
Dome Open         20-19           Dome Closed         19-20           Dome Open/Closed         0-1						

HOME RUNS	#	Outs	Type	Field	Count	Off	Inning	Score Before
McCann	6	0	1R	RF	3-2	Estrada	$2^{\rm nd}$	0-1
Reddick	16	0	1R	RF	1-2	Estrada	$2^{\rm nd}$	0-3
Pillar	15	2	2R	LF	0-0	Keuchel	$4^{th}$	0-4

UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS: (All Times Eastern)

Tuesday, September 25 vs. Houston Astros, 7:07 pm...RHP Josh James (1.0, 2.81) vs. RHP Sam Gaviglio (3-8, 5.18)

Wednesday, September 26 vs. Houston Astros, 4:07 pm...LHP Framber Valdez (3-1, 2.20) vs. RHP Sean Reid-Foley (2-4, 5.40)

### Houston Astros 5, Toronto Blue Jays 3 September 24, 2018

#### Astros starting lineup:

George Springer (CF), Jose Altuve (2B), Alex Bregman (SS), Yuli Gurriel (1B), Evan Gattis (DH), Brian McCann (C), Josh Reddick (RF), J.D. Davis (3B), Tony Kemp (LF), Dallas Keuchel (P),

#### Blue Jays starting lineup:

Jonathan Davis (LF), Lourdes Gurriel Jr. (SS), Justin Smoak (1B), Randal Grichuk (RF), Kevin Pillar (CF), Aledmys Diaz (3B), Teoscar Hernandez (DH), Luke Maile (C), Richard Urena (2B), Marco Estrada (P),

Umpires -- Kerwin Danley (HP), Mike Estabrook (1B), Bruce Dreckman (2B), Chad Fairchild (3B), (LF), (RF).

Gametime Weather: 68 degrees, Roof Closed.

Wind: 0 MPH, None.

First pitch by M. Estrada at 07:08 PM local time.

Astros 1st (Astros 1, Blue Jays 0) -- G. Springer doubles to left-center field. J. Altuve flies out to J. Davis. A. Bregman struck out looking. Y. Gurriel singles to center field, G. Springer scores. E. Gattis flies out to J. Davis.

(1 Runs, 2 Hits, 0 Errors, 1 LOB)

Blue Jays 1st (Astros 1, Blue Jays 0) -- J. Davis singles to third base. L. Gurriel Jr. grounds into double play, J. Altuve to A. Bregman to Y. Gurriel, J. Davis out at 2nd. J. Smoak flies out to J. Reddick.

(0 Runs, 1 Hits, 0 Errors, 0 LOB)

Astros 2nd (Astros 3, Blue Jays 0) -- Defensive Substitution: Y. Solarte replaces shortstop L. Gurriel Jr., batting 2nd, playing 3rd. Defensive switch from 3rd to shortstop for A. Diaz. B. McCann hits a home run to right field on a 3-2 pitch. J. Reddick hits a home run to right field on a 1-2 pitch. J. Davis flies out to J. Davis. T. Kemp flies out to K. Pillar. G. Springer flies out to K. Pillar.

(2 Runs, 2 Hits, 0 Errors, 0 LOB)

Blue Jays 2nd (Astros 3, Blue Jays 0) -- R. Grichuk hits a ground rule double to right field. Toronto Blue Jays second baseman L. Gurriel Jr. left the game due to an injured leg. K. Pillar strikes out swinging. A. Diaz walks. T. Hernandez grounds into double play, A. Bregman to J. Altuve to Y. Gurriel, A. Diaz out at 2nd.

(0 Runs, 1 Hits, 0 Errors, 1 LOB)

Astros 3rd (Astros 4, Blue Jays 0) -- J. Altuve singles through the hole at shortstop. With A. Bregman batting, wild pitch by M. Estrada, J. Altuve to 2nd. A. Bregman doubles to left field, J. Altuve scores. Y. Gurriel flies out to K. Pillar. E. Gattis walks. B. McCann grounds out, A. Diaz to J. Smoak, A. Bregman to 3rd; E. Gattis to 2nd. J. Reddick grounds out, M. Estrada to R. Urena to J. Smoak.

(1 Runs, 2 Hits, 0 Errors, 2 LOB)

Blue Jays 3rd (Astros 4, Blue Jays 0) -- L. Maile pops out to J. Altuve. R. Urena struck out looking. J. Davis grounds out, A. Bregman to Y. Gurriel.

(0 Runs, 0 Hits, 0 Errors, 0 LOB)

Astros 4th (Astros 4, Blue Jays 0) -- J. Davis grounds out, A. Diaz to J. Smoak. T. Kemp pops out to Y. Solarte. G. Springer grounds out, A. Diaz to J. Smoak.

(0 Runs, 0 Hits, 0 Errors, 0 LOB)

Blue Jays 4th (Astros 4, Blue Jays 2) -- Y. Solarte lines out to G. Springer. J. Smoak doubles to right field. R. Grichuk pops out to J. Davis. K. Pillar hits a home run to left field on a 0-0 pitch, J. Smoak scores. A. Diaz walks. T. Hernandez struck out looking.

(2 Runs, 2 Hits, 0 Errors, 1 LOB)

Astros 5th (Astros 4, Blue Jays 2) -- J. Altuve reaches on fielding error by Y. Solarte. A. Bregman flies out to R. Grichuk. Y. Gurriel singles to left field, J. Altuve to 2nd. E. Gattis lines out to K. Pillar. Pitcher Change: T. Mayza replaces M. Estrada. B. McCann grounds into a force out, fielded by A. Diaz, Y. Gurriel out at 2nd.

(0 Runs, 1 Hits, 1 Errors, 2 LOB)

Blue Jays 5th (Astros 4, Blue Jays 3) -- L. Maile singles through the hole at shortstop. R. Urena singles to third base, R. Urena to 2nd; L. Maile advances to 3rd on throwing error by J. Davis. J. Davis walks. Y. Solarte singles to left-center field, L. Maile scores; R. Urena to 3rd; J. Davis to 2nd. J. Smoak struck out looking. R. Grichuk grounds into a force out, J. Davis to B. McCann, R. Urena out at home, J. Davis to 3rd; Y. Solarte to 2nd. K. Pillar strikes out swinging.

(1 Runs, 3 Hits, 1 Errors, 3 LOB)

Astros 6th (Astros 4, Blue Jays 3) -- J. Reddick strikes out swinging. J. Davis singles to left field. T. Kemp strikes out swinging. Pitcher Change: R. Tepera replaces T. Mayza. G. Springer grounds out, Y. Solarte to J. Smoak.

(0 Runs, 1 Hits, 0 Errors, 1 LOB)

Blue Jays 6th (Astros 4, Blue Jays 3) -- Pitcher Change: J. Smith replaces D. Keuchel. A. Diaz singles to left-center field. Offensive Substitution: Pinch hitter K. Morales replaces T. Hernandez. K. Morales strikes out swinging. L. Maile pops out to J. Altuve. Pitcher Change: W. Harris replaces J. Smith. R. Urena singles up the middle, A. Diaz to 2nd. J. Davis grounds out, W. Harris to Y. Gurriel.

(0 Runs, 2 Hits, 0 Errors, 2 LOB)

Astros 7th (Astros 4, Blue Jays 3) -- K. Morales remains in the game as the designated hitter. Pitcher Change: J. Petricka replaces R. Tepera. J. Altuve grounds out, R. Urena to J. Smoak. A. Bregman struck out looking. Y. Gurriel grounds out, Y. Solarte to J. Smoak.

(0 Runs, 0 Hits, 0 Errors, 0 LOB)

Blue Jays 7th (Astros 4, Blue Jays 3) -- Defensive switch from center field to right field for G. Springer. Defensive switch from right field to left field for J. Reddick. Defensive Substitution: J. Marisnick replaces left fielder T. Kemp, batting 9th, playing center field. Y. Solarte singles to shallow center field. Pitcher Change: T. Sipp replaces W. Harris. J. Smoak grounds into double play, T. Sipp to J. Altuve to Y. Gurriel, Y. Solarte out at 2nd. Pitcher Change: B. Peacock replaces T. Sipp. R. Grichuk strikes out swinging.

(0 Runs, 1 Hits, 0 Errors, 0 LOB)

Astros 8th (Astros 4, Blue Jays 3) -- Pitcher Change: T. Clippard replaces J. Petricka. E. Gattis flies out to K. Pillar. B. McCann strikes out swinging. J. Reddick flies out to K. Pillar.

(0 Runs, 0 Hits, 0 Errors, 0 LOB)

Blue Jays 8th (Astros 4, Blue Jays 3) -- Pitcher Change: R. Pressly replaces B. Peacock. K. Pillar grounds out, J. Davis to Y. Gurriel. A. Diaz flies out to G. Springer. K. Morales strikes out swinging.

(0 Runs, 0 Hits, 0 Errors, 0 LOB)

Astros 9th (Astros 5, Blue Jays 3) -- Pitcher Change: J. Biagini replaces T. Clippard. J. Davis strikes out swinging. J. Marisnick doubles through the hole at shortstop. G. Springer strikes out swinging. J. Altuve singles to left-center field, J. Marisnick scores. Astros challenged (tag play), call on the field was upheld: With A. Bregman batting, J. Biagini picks off J. Altuve at 1st on throw to J. Smoak.

(1 Runs, 2 Hits, 0 Errors, 0 LOB)

Blue Jays 9th (Astros 5, Blue Jays 3) -- Pitcher Change: R. Osuna replaces R. Pressly. Offensive Substitution: Pinch hitter B. McKinney replaces L. Maile. B. McKinney strikes out swinging. R. Urena singles to center field. Offensive Substitution: Pinch hitter R. Tellez replaces J. Davis. R. Tellez flies out to J. Reddick. Y. Solarte pops out to Y. Gurriel in foul territory.

(0 Runs, 1 Hits, 0 Errors, 1 LOB)

Final: Astros 5, Blue Jays 3

WP: Dallas Keuchel (12-11). LP: Marco Estrada (7-14). SV: Roberto Osuna (19).

Time: 3:12.

Attendance: 23463.

Official Scorer: Howard Starkman.

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		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	Н	E
Houston		1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	10	1
Toronto		0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	11	1
Houston	AVG	AB	R	Н	2B	3B	HF	<b>?</b>	RBI	BB	so	PO	Α
Springer, CF-RF	.265	5	1	1	1	0	0		0	0	1	2	0
Altuve, 2B	.317	5	1	2	0	0	0		1	0	0	4	3
Bregman, SS	.288	4	0	1	1	0	0		1	0	2	1	3
Gurriel, 1B	.289	4	0	2	0	0	0		1	0	0	7	0
Gattis, DH	.230	3	0	0	0	0	0		0	1	0	0	0
McCann, B, C	.208	4	1	1	0	0	1		1	0	1	10	0
Reddick, RF-LF	.240	4	1	1	0	0	1		1	0	1	2	0
Davis, J, 3B	.179	4	0	1	0	0	0		0	0	1	1	2
Kemp, T, LF	.274	3	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	1	0	0
Marisnick, CF	.206	1	1	1	1	0	0		0	0	0	0	0
Keuchel, P	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0
Smith, J, P	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0
Harris, P	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	1
Sipp, P	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	1
Peacock, P	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0
Pressly, P	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0
Osuna, P	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0
Totals	.257	37	5	10	3	0	2		5	1	7	27	10

#### **BATTING**

2B: Springer (26, Estrada); Bregman (51, Estrada); Marisnick (8, Biagini).

HR: McCann, B (6, 2nd inning off Estrada, 0 on, 0 out); Reddick (16, 2nd inning off Estrada, 0 on, 0 out).

RBI: Gurriel (85); McCann, B (22); Reddick (46); Bregman (101); Altuve (61).

Team RISP: 3-for-11.

Team LOB: 6.

#### **FIELDING**

E: Davis, J (3).

DP: 3 (Altuve-Bregman-Gurriel; Bregman-Altuve-Gurriel; Sipp-Altuve-Gurriel).

Toronto	AVG	AB	R	Н	2B	3B	HR	RBI	ВВ	so	РО	Α
Davis, LF	.200	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0
c-Tellez, PH	.365	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gurriel Jr., SS	.281	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solarte, 3B	.231	4	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
Smoak, 1B	.244	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	8	0
Grichuk, RF	.242	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Pillar, CF	.249	4	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	2	6	0
Diaz, A, 3B-SS	.263	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	3
Hernandez, T, DH	.238	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
a-Morales, PH-DH	.251	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Maile, C	.250	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0
b-McKinney, PH	.269	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Urena, R, 2B	.289	4	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Estrada, P	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Mayza, P	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tepera, P	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Petricka, P	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clippard, P	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Biagini, P	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	.245	35	3	11	2	0	1	3	3	9	27	9

a-Struck out for Hernandez, T in the 6th. b-Struck out for Maile in the 9th. c-Flied out for Davis in the 9th.

### **BATTING**

2B: Grichuk (31, Keuchel); Smoak (34, Keuchel).

HR: Pillar (15, 4th inning off Keuchel, 1 on, 2 out).

RBI: Pillar 2 (58); Solarte (54). GIDP: Gurriel Jr.; Hernandez, T; Smoak.

Team RISP: 2-for-9.

Team LOB: 8.

#### **FIELDING**

E: Solarte (8).

Houston	ERA	IP	Н	R	ER	ВВ	SO	HR	BF
Keuchel (W, 12-11)	3.75	5.0	7	3	3	3	5	1	23
Smith, J	3.43	0.2	1	0	0	0	1	0	3
Harris	3.56	0.1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3
Sipp	1.96	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

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Peacock	3.11	0.1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	
Pressly	2.58	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	
Osuna (S, 19)	2.50	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	0	4	
Totals `	3.14	9.0	11	3	3	3	9	1	38	
Toronto	ERA	IP	н	R	ER	ВВ	so	HR	BF	
Estrada (L, 7-14)	5.64	4.2	7	4	4	1	1	2	23	
Mayza	3.38	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	0	4	
Tepera	3.73	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Petricka	4.67	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	
Clippard	3.72	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	
Biagini	5.81	1.0	2	1	1	0	2	0	4	
Totals	4.85	9.0	10	5	5	1	7	2	38	

Harris pitched to 1 batter in the 7th.

Team ER: off Houston 3, off Toronto 5.

BB: off Keuchel 3 (Diaz, A, Diaz, A, Davis); off Estrada (Gattis).

SO: by Keuchel 5 (Pillar, Urena, R, Hernandez, T, Smoak, Pillar); Smith, J (Morales); Peacock (Grichuk); Pressly (Morales); Osuna (McKinney); by Estrada (Bregman); Mayza 2 (Reddick, Kemp, T); Petricka (Bregman); Clippard (McCann, B); Biagini 2 (Davis, J, Springer).

WP: Estrada.

Pitches-strikes: Keuchel 86-48; Smith, J 13-10; Harris 12-7; Sipp 2-2; Peacock 3-3; Pressly 12-9; Osuna 20-14; Estrada.

93-58; Mayza 18-11; Tepera 6-3; Petricka 17-11; Clippard 6-6; Biagini 15-12. Inherited runners-scored: Harris 1-0; Sipp 1-0; Mayza 2-0; Tepera 1-0.

Umpires: HP: Kerwin Danley. 1B: Mike Estabrook. 2B: Bruce Dreckman. 3B: Chad Fairchild.

Official Scorer: Howard Starkman. Weather: 68 degrees, roof closed.

Wind: 0 mph, None. First pitch: 7:08 PM.

T: 3:12. Att: 23,463.

Venue: Rogers Centre. September 24, 2018

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